



Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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April General Meeting

Our monthly General Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 1 at 7:45 pm in Classrooms A & B at the MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM, 3280 S. Miami Avenue - directly across the street from Vizcaya.

Our President, John Speier, will give a presentation on *Rockhounding and Fee Mining in the Carolinas*. He will detail all the opportunities (from first-hand experience) for gem and mineral enthusiasts to locate and acquire (with a small amount of effort) their own treasures from Mother Earth. He has traveled (and mined) all over North and South Carolina and is going to share his knowledge and experiences with us.

Our meeting will also feature announcements, Q & A, refreshments, and, God-willing, Patrick's famous gem-and-mineral raffle! We hope to see you there!

Club News –

- Our 60th Anniversary GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL, AND JEWELRY SHOW in December at Evelyn Greer Park in Pinecrest was such a huge success that we're going to have another one in the Spring – Saturday and Sunday, April 18 & 19 to be precise. We've increased the number of vendor and activity tables. There will be expanded educational displays and activities. **If you would like to participate as a volunteer, please contact us via email at webguy@mmlg-inc.org.** We need folks to help us at the admission table, at the children's activity table, and assisting the vendors.

- Our next tri-county (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) inter-club picnic will take place on Sunday, May 3, at TY Park (in Broward County), at Pavilion #9. There will be good food, good company, and a good opportunity to buy/sell/trade hobby-related items – not to mention BINGO and raffles!!!

- One of the ways in which we try to serve our members' needs is by providing a no-cost way to *buy-sell-trade* gem/mineral/lapidary-specimens/supplies/crafted items in an online "trading post" at our website. Right now, we have no postings, but, in the past, several of our members and supporters have successfully listed (and sold) specimens, equipment, and supplies. Just go to our website <http://www.mmlg-inc.org> and click on "trading post" to get started.

- Dues are due! The membership year starts every January 1. Single membership is \$15.00 per year - Family membership is \$20.00 per year. Dues are payable either by cash or check (made out to MMLG). You may pay the dues in person at our meetings & events or by mail to MMLG, P.O. Box 460206, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33346-0206.

What are the advantages of membership? While any member of the community may attend our General Meetings, dues-paying members are entitled to a number of benefits:

- participation at all club activities
- discounts on publications and outside educational activities
- access to club library, displays, and collections
- accidental injury insurance on field trips and at club activities
- discount access to club sponsored classes and workshops
- special interest groups within the club
- access to club swaps, raffles, auctions, and vendor activities
- voting rights at club elections, meetings, and referendums
- co-ordination with other clubs, groups, or associations

- Our newsletter accepts business and commercial advertising. The Guild charges \$35.00 per year to advertise a "business card" listing in **The Geode**. This amounts to just a few dollars per month – call us or email us to set it up. Additionally, if any hobby-related advertisers present a program (on any Guild related subject) at one of our meetings, the yearly fee of \$35.00 will be refunded!!!!

- Any member wishing to serve on a committee and/or present a program should contact John Speier, at 954.648.1874.

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